

April 1, 2002

**San Juan River Basin
Recovery Implementation Program
Coordination Committee
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Conference Call Summary**

Members Present:	Representing:
Joy Nicholopoulos	Fish and Wildlife Service, Region 2
Susan Jordan	Jicarilla Apache Nation
Bob Krakow	Bureau of Indian Affairs
Henry Maddux	Fish and Wildlife Service, Region 6
Scott McElroy	Southern Ute Indian Tribe
Tom Pitts	Water Development Interests
Stanley Pollack	Navajo Nation
Randy Seaholm	State of Colorado
Brent Uilenberg	Bureau of Reclamation
John Whipple	State of New Mexico
Others Present:	
Shirley Mondy, Program Coordinator	Fish and Wildlife Service
Marilyn Greenberg, Program Assistant	Fish and Wildlife Service

Brent Uilenberg explained that the Upper Colorado Basin Program had encountered some problems with capital construction project implementation and are concerned because that Program does not have enough time left to complete the projects. As a result, the Upper Colorado Program is considering an amendment to existing Program legislation that would extend the capital construction dates in order to allow time for completion of the projects.

Tom Pitts explained that during the congressional briefing in Washington D.C., some Upper Colorado Program members discussed this issue with some of the legislative committees and congressional staff. They recommended that now would be a good time to request this amendment/legislation, rather than waiting until next year.

The question before the San Juan RIP Coordination Committee today is whether to consider submitting an amendment to the existing legislation, in tandem with the Upper Colorado Basin, extending the date for completion of capital projects in the SJRIP to 2008. This would give the SJRIP an additional year for completion of capital projects. Given that the SJRIP does not yet have a definite long range plan, and it is difficult to foresee how long upcoming projects may take, it might be a good idea to request this one year extension. John Whipple also explained that since the capital projects involve coordinated/integrated state and federal funding, and that the state(s) cannot fund until the project is complete, that would be another good reason to request the extension.

Randy Seaholm indicated that it sounded like a good plan, depending upon what the State of Colorado decides on the Upper Basin Program.

Tom Pitts and Bob Norman will get a briefing statement out to the Coordination Committee by April 5, via listserve. Tom Pitts will also send out the results of Tuesday's (April 2) Upper Basin conference call. ***The Committee agreed to meet again, via conference call, on April 19, at 9am to make a final decision on submitting an amendment to the existing legislation to extend the Program to 2008.*** The phone number and passcode will be the same as for this call. Shirley Mondy will send that information out again prior to April 19.